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Lebanon

Military, Security Situation -- SAM batteries situated inside Syria unsuccessfully fired missiles at Israeli aircraft patrolling the Al-Biqa' Valley on 31 October, the IDF spokesman announced in a statement reported by IDF radio. Israel regards this as a severe violation of the cease-fire, he stressed. A Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine spokesman said the Palestinians in Al-Biqa' are preparing to confront an Israeli attack, according to the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon. Palestinian sources cited by QNA said the Israelis have recently established surface-to-surface missile bases on Al-Baruk Mountain, which overlooks Al-Biqa' from the west. Meanwhile, an Israeli crane driver died in a 29 October ambush near 'Alayh and one person was killed and five others were wounded by a rocket attack on an Israeli bus in Sidon late on 30 October, according to Beirut and Voice of Lebanon radios.

The Lebanese Army clashed with Progressive Socialist Party militias in the "Alayh region on 31 October after the army had reinforced its presence in the area in order to find gunmen responsible for killing a Lebanese soldier, according to Beirut radio reports. Christian militia withdrew from the area over the weekend, Radio Free Lebanon reported.

Talks on Withdrawal -- After meeting with U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs Morris Draper on 30 October, Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan indicated that the U.S. side had approved Lebanon's demand that no joint committee should be set up to negotiate the withdrawal of foreign forces but that the talks should continue through the joint Lebanese-Israeli Military Committee set up after the Israeli invasion, Beirut radio reported. After noting that the United States is participating in all the current negotiations, Al-Wazzan said the Lebanese have already started contacts with the PLO and will undoubtedly contact Syria. Earlier, PLO Deputy Military Commander Khalil al-Wazir said in a Radio Monte Carlo interview that "no one" has yet talked with the PLO about the withdrawal of Palestinian forces from Al-Biqa' and the north.

Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir meanwhile warned that the removal of foreign forces from Lebanon is likely to be delayed by Syrian violations of the cease-fire, Jerusalem radio reported.

Al-Jumayyil Morocco Visit -- President Amin al-Jumayyil left Beirut for Morocco in response to an invitation from King Hassan II, Beirut radio reported on 1 November. According to Riyadh radio, Al-Jumayyil will meet with PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat for a Lebanese-Palestinian summit supervised by King Hassan. However, Voice of Lebanon radio said Al-Jumayyil will not meet with 'Arafat in Morocco. The president's visit has nothing to do with his projected Arab tour, which he will not undertake unless progress on the withdrawal of foreign forces is made, the radio reported.

National Movement -- The National Movement has decided to halt its activities until further notice, Voice of Lebanon radio reported citing sources close to Progressive Socialist Party leader Walid Junblatt.

Syria

Syria will meet all conditions and support any development that will enhance its relations with Lebanon, President Hafiz al-Asad stressed in an interview with the magazine AN-NAHAR AL-'ARABI WA AD-DUWALI broadcast by Damascus radio. Al-Asad denied reports of differences between Syria and the PLO and when asked for his opinion of a possible Jordanian-Palestinian confederation the Syrian leader said his country supports unity between two or more Arab sides "whether we are in agreement or disagreement with these parties or some of them." Arguing that all serious attempts to achieve peace in the Middle East are doomed to failure unless the United States limits Israel's military

development by cutting arms supplies to the Israelis, Al-Asad reaffirmed that the Arabs must achieve a military balance with Israel, "and this means between Syria and Israel." While Syrian military power is strong in some respects, he said, Syria is now overcoming shortcomings in other fields. He admitted that Syria lost some Soviet-made T-72 tanks to Israeli rockets and airstrikes during the summer battles in Lebanon, but asserted that the T-72 is the best tank in the world. He also claimed the Israelis have admitted that 23 of their aircraft were hit in the Israeli-Syrian air battles over Lebanon. Regarding Syria's friendship with the Soviet Union, Al-Asad said that although the Syrians "sometimes feel that we are in need of some types of weapons," this does not diminish the importance of Soviet support for Syria.

PLO

'Arafat on Arms, Reagan -- In an interview given to TANJUG during his 2-day visit to Yugoslavia, PLO Executive Committee Chairman 'Arafat said that the Palestinian fighters currently living in various Arab countries will be "rearmed with modern weapons by their host countries" as a result of agreements he recently signed. While accusing President Reagan of making his Middle East proposals prior to the Fes summit in an effort to undermine the meeting and regretting that the plan "completely neglects" the aspirations of the Palestinian people, 'Arafat stated that the Reagan plan has "some positive elements"; for example, it does not accept Israeli annexation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. 'Arafat's political adviser Khalid al-Hasan told Radio Monte Carlo that while there is a "gap" between the Fes summit resolutions and the Reagan plan, "it is important to find a common denominator."

Popular Conference -- The Palestinian popular conference to be helf before the Palestinian National Council (PNC) meeting in early November is expected to be held in "a European state," according to a Radio Monte Carlo interview with PLO Deputy Military Commander Khalil al-Wazir. Al-Wazir stated that the European venue is planned in order to foil Israel's attempts to prevent the Palestinians in the occupied territories from attending. If they still are unable to attend, the conference will be held in the "same place as the PNC," Al-Wazir stated.

Israel

West Bank Settlements -- Despite Jerusalem radio reports that Ambassador to the United States Moshe Arens has urged the prime minister to freeze the West Bank settlement program, Arens said in an interview with the radio that he opposes freezing settlements. Meanwhile, a subcommittee of the Ministerial Committee on Settlement Affairs decided to speed up the establishment of six new settlements in the area, Jerusalem television noted.

Massacre Inquiry -- An Israeli tank officer testified to the commission of inquiry into the Beirut massacre that he saw Phalangists killing civilians on the morning of 17 September and reported this to his superiors, whose initial reaction was that the IDF should not intervene, Jerusalem radio reported. Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon had earlier testified to the commission that he first learned about the massacres on the evening of 17 September, according to the transcript of Sharon's public testimony issued by the GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE.

Egyptian-Israeli Relations

Egypt submitted an official memorandum to Israel on 31 October asking the Israelis not to open their newly completed hotel in Tabah, MENA reported. The memorandum accused the Israelis of violating the Egyptian-Israeli agreement of 25 April, which stipulated that work on any existing installations in the area would be suspended. To open the hotel would also imply sovereignty, the memorandum stated, and this would violate the agreement that no side shall have sovereignty over Tabah during the period of dispute.

After the Israeli Cabinet discussed the Egyptian request, Israeli Foreign Minister Shamir sent a reply to his Egyptian counterpart Kamal Hasan 'Ali which stated that Israel is willing to discuss the Tabah issue, but only within the framework of comprehensive negotiations covering all aspects of Israeli-Egyptian relations, IDF radio reported. Jerusalem radio said the Israelis have decided to open the hotel in Tabah within a few days. Noting that the Egyptians have demanded the resumption of negotiations over Tabah, the radio said Israel would be prepared to negotiate the disputed area if the Egyptians "reestablish the kind of ties that existed prior to Operation Peace for Galilee," including the return of the Egyptian ambassador to Israel. Meanwhile, Israeli political sources cited by 'AL HAMISHMAR alleged that Egypt's proposed air maneuvers following the recent anti-Israeli statements in Cairo introduce a "militaristic tone" to Israeli-Egyptian relations.

Egypt

Relations with U.S. -- U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz sent a "positive" reply to Foreign Minister 'Ali's message to him on the Tabah issue, MENA reported. 'Ali will convey a message from President Husni Mubarak to President Ronald Reagan when he visits the United States from 11-13 November, MENA noted.

Relations with USSR -- The Kuwaiti weekly AL-HADAF claimed Egypt and the USSR have renewed contacts to restore their severed relations. The report also noted that Egypt has asked to purchase heavy tanks from the Soviet Union, KUNA reported.

Air Manuevers -- Delegations from seven Arab states will attend the air force's golden jubilee maneuvers in the western desert on 1 November, MENA reported. While MENA said President Mubarak would attend the maneuvers, which will feature live ammunition, Beirut radio reported that Mubarak canceled his plan to attend in order to attend a political meeting.

'Ismat as-Sadat -- Late President Anwar as-Sadat's younger brother 'Ismat as-Sadat is in custody pending an investigation into the origin of his wealth, AFP reported.

Sudan

Sudan will not participate in the OAU Ministerial Council meetings or the OAU summit conference scheduled to be held in Tripoli in November, SUNA reported.

Libya

At the end of Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi's visit to the PRC, the Libyan and Chinese leaders signed an agreement to establish a Libyan-Chinese joint committee to develop bilateral economic, scientific and technical cooperation, Tripo'i radio reported. Al-Qadhdhafi subsequently flew to Pyongyang for talks with DPRK President Kim Il-song, the radio noted.

Iran-Iraq War

Military Activities -- Exchanges of fire continued on a number of fronts, particularly in the southern and western regions, according to military communiques issued by both sides. Tehran radio reported that Iranian forces retained "total control" of their positions in the southern region following clashes on 30 and 31 October.

Good Offices Negotiations -- In a statement published in AL-JAZIRAH AL-MASA'IYYAH, Islamic Conference Organization Secretary General Habib Chatti "categorically denied" that the Good Offices Committee has reached a deadlock in its efforts to negotiate an end to the Iran-Iraq war, SPA reported.

Kuwait

Kuwait protested to Iran on 30 October over the latter's information campaigns against it, KUNA reported. A Kuwaiti official told the Iranian ambassador that Kuwait cannot allow Iran to exploit religious occasions to create unrest and sectarian feuds. Earlier, the Iranian ambassador protested to Kuwait over the behavior of Kuwaiti police in dispersing processions by Shi'ites mourning the martyrdom of Imam Husayn, Tehran radio reported. Meanwhile, an explosion rocked a Kuwait City suburb on 30 October but caused no casualties, KUNA noted.

Pakistan

President Ziaul Haq said his talks with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on 1 November were "extremely cordial" and paved the way for better relations with India, Delhi radio reported.

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RESISTANCE OPERATIONS 'INSIDE' USSR DISCLOSED

NC291338 Paris AFP in English 1329 GMT 29 Oct 82

[Text] Rabat, Morocco, Oct 29 (AFP) -- Afghan resistance forces have carried out three military operations inside the territory of the Soviet Union, according to a statement from a rebel leader published here today in the newspaper LE MATIN DU SAHARA.

However, Fatih Mohamed Afghani, head of the National Islamic Union, did not disclose the dates or the locations of the reported incursions.

Mr Afghani, who is here seeking materiel assistance for the resistance movement, said Soviet troops are confined to the cities of Dahar, Hirat and Ilalab from which they can only leave by airplane and where "they are encircled and harassed" by rebel forces who now control nearly all of Afghanistan. He said the resistance movement has seized most of its arms from its adversaries.

The Kabul-based government of President Babrak Karmal, he charged, "represents nothing and is no more than a puppet manipulated by foreign invaders."

Mr Afghani said government forces have been "practically decimated, either by the mujahedeen (resistance) or by the Russians themselves, as many government troops have refused to fight against their own brothers."

INTENSIFIED REBEL ATTACKS AROUND KABUL REPORTED

BK010352 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 1 Nov 82

[Text] According to reports received from Afghanistan, Afghan freedom fighters have intensified their activities in and around Kabul city. The freedom fighters on last Wednesday attacked a military post between the (Bala Hisar) and (Nur Hisar) areas in the Afghan capital.

According to reports, a member of militiamen were either killed or injured; two Afghan freedom fighters, including a commander, (Zabid Halim), lost their lives in the clash.

Resistance Leader Killed

BK311317 Hong Kong AFP in English 1304 GMT 31 Oct 82

[Text] Peshawar, Pakistan, Oct. 31 (AFP) -- A key Afghan resistance leader, Abdul Halim Khair-Khawa, 28, was killed Thursday by a Soviet patrol after a night-time operation in the Afghan capital, Kabul, rebel sources said here today.

Official Afghan radio, monitored here, had not mentioned his death.

A former police officer, "Captain" Khair-Khawa was responsible for some of the most daring guerrilla operations in the Kabul region, including the capture and execution last year of a Soviet geologist who was a personal friend of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

News of the captain's death shocked resistance circles here, where he was highly respected for his courage and skill. Observers said his loss represented a serious setback to rebel morale.

Capt. Khair-Khawa was reportedly shot in the face as he was returning to his clandestine headquarters after attacking two government posts in Kabul. His deputy was also said to have been killed by Soviet troops.

The rebel chief, who joined the resistance three years ago and commanded some 500 soldiers, was wounded earlier this year in the eastern province of Ningrahar but refused evacuation to Peshawar, preferring to remain among his troops.

SOVIET TROOPS MASSACRE 55 'PRO-REBEL' WOMEN

LD010126 Riyadh SPA in English 1916 GMT 31 Oct 82

[Text] Islamabad, Oct 31 (SPA) -- Fiftyfive women were massacred in mid-October by Soviet troops in Asterghich [as received] village, 40 km north of Kabul, Afghan Islamic Press Agency reported today. The agency said two Soviet helicopters were downed in Asterghich area earlier this month.

"In reprisal, the Soviet launched a house-to-house search in the area. As male population had fled, only women remained in the village, it added. The agency said "Soviet troops inquired about male members of their families and women whose sons or husbands were not traceable were declared pro-rebel.

After having herded these pro-rebel Afghan women, the Soviet troops gunned downed 55 of them on October 16, it added.

The agency also reported that the mujahideen in southern Helmand Province of Afghanistan killed 22 communist troops including two Soviet advisers in a fierce encounter on October 15.

KARMAL, KESHTMAND ADDRESS CADRES MEETING 31 OCT

LD310720 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0532 GMT 31 Oct 82

[Text] Kabul, Oct 30 BAKHTAR -- Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, took part in a meeting of the party and state officials devoted to the consideration of important practical problems pertaining to the selection, assignment and posting of the cadres held here today.

In his inaugural address to the participants Babrak Karmal stressed the fact that successful implementation of the political line aimed at developing the society depended decisively on the correct selection and posting of the personnel. This, he added, was borne out by the experience of the PDPA as well. He pointed out that the realisation of such a policy as regards the cadres constituted one of the major tasks of the activities of the Politburo and the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the PDPA.

The meeting, which was presided over by Saleh Mohammad Ziray member of the Politburo of the PDPA CC was addressed among other by Nur Ahmad Nur, member of the Politburo of the PDPA CC and Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the Politburo of the PDPA CC and chairman of the Council of Ministers of the DRA. The participants included Politburo and CC members, ministers and other leading party and state cadres.

KARMAL RECEIVES CUBAN PARTY DELEGATION HEAD

LD312132 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 31 Oct 82

[Text] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, today received Tania Maceiras, deputy head of the Foreign Relations Department of the Cuban Communist Party Central Committee, in the Revolutionary Council headquarters. The Cuban ambassador in Kabul also was present. Tania Maceiras, heading a delegation, recently arrived in Afghanistan for a friendly visit at the invitation of the PDPA Central Committee.

GANDHI, PAKISTANI PRESIDENT BEGIN TALKS

BK010748 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 1 Nov 82

[Text] Talks between Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi and Pakistan President Gen Ziaul Haq have begun in New Delhi. The two leaders are being assisted by their foreign ministers -- P.V. Narasimha Rao and Sahabzada Yaqub Khan.

Earlier, on his arrival at Rashtrapati Bhavan, General Zia called on President Zail Singh and was with him for a short while. President Zia inquired about the health of Zail Singh who returned last night after treatment at Houston.

The Pakistan president arrived in the capital this morning for a brief visit on his way to Indonesia. He was received at the airport among others by Vice President Hidayatullah, Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi and External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao. General Zia is accompanied by his wife. She went to Durgah [Shrine] Nizamuddin Awolia and later visited the trade fair. A number of senior ministers including Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan and Chief of Staff Lt Gen K.M. Arif are among those in the Pakistan president's entourage.

General Zia will be leaving New Delhi after 1400 to resume his onward journey.

Haq Calls Talks 'Cordial'

BK010901 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 1 Nov 82

[Excerpt] Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi and Pakistan President Gen Ziaul Haq discussed various matters of mutual interest in New Delhi today. After a formal round of talks held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, they continued their discussions over lunch hosted by Mrs Gandhi in honor of the Pakistan president. Foreign ministers of the two countries, Narasimha Rao and Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, assisted their chiefs.

Speaking to All India Radio correspondent Anant Charlu before leaving Rashtrapati Bhavan, President Zia said the talks were extremely cordial and have paved the way for improved relations with India. President Zia thanked Mrs Gandhi for taking the initiative in inviting him. He said he was looking forward to very cordial and happy relations with India.

GANDHI WRITES HAQ ON BEHALF OF NUSRAT BHUTTO

BK301602 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 30 Oct 82

[Text] The prime minister has written to Gen Ziaul Haq, suggesting that the ailing Mrs Nusrat Bhutto be permitted to go abroad for medical treatment. In a letter delivered to the Pakistan president a few days ago, Mrs Gandhi has made it clear that her request is purely based on humanitarian grounds. It should not be taken as an interference in the internal affairs of Pakistan.

RAO DISCUSSES TIES WITH IRANIAN DEPUTY MINISTER

LD311102 Tehran IRNA in English 0920 GMT 31 Oct 82

[Text] Tehran, Oct 31, IRNA -- Expansion of ties between Iran and India, especially in cultural, educational and economic fields were discussed by Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Javad Mansuri and Indian Minister of External Affairs Narasimha Rao, Saturday.

Mansuri, who is visiting India at the head of an Iranian delegation, also exchanged views with the Indian official for the implementation of agreements concluded during the recent visit of Iranian Foreign Minister 'Ali 'Akbar Velayati to India.

The two sides also expressed their firm determination on the necessity of expansion of mutual relations as well as rapid removal of the problems that citizens of both the countries were confronting.

While stressing the importance of such visits, the Iranian and Indian officials expressed satisfaction over the swift expansion of bilateral ties in all fields.

BARODA CURFEW TO BE RELAXED; OVER 440 DETAINED

BK010314 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 1 Nov 82

[Text] In Baroda, with the improvement of the situation it has been decided to relax the curfew today from 3 hours to 11 hours in different areas. Three more persons have been arrested under the National Security Act. Over 440 people have so far been detained for indulging in criminal activities and inciting violence.

AFP Report

BK010919 Hong Kong AFP in English 0901 GMT 1 Nov 82

[Excerpt] New Delhi, Nov. 1 (AFP) -- New violence was reported today in the western city of Baroda where Hindus and Moslems have battled for nearly a week, leaving six dead and more than 100 injured.

The Press Trust of India said that police fired on a mob which attacked officers in the city in Gujarat State late last night, the fifth day of violence involving the two groups, rivals for 1,000 years.

PTI also said that arsonists set a firecrackers warehouse ablaze. There was no indication whether there were any casualties and no further details were immediately available on either incident in the curfew-bound city.

Earlier reports yesterday had said that one person was stabbed and two houses set afire in the coastal city of half a million people where the bloodshed has halted trade and banking. There was also a report of three cases of attempted arson.

Some 300 people were reported taken into custody in the city where police were ordered to shoot arsonists or looters on sight and army troops have patrolled the streets since Wednesday.

The latest spurt in Hindu-Moslem violence was attributed to the coinciding of two major Hindu and Moslem festivals -- the Moharram for the Moslems and Dussehra for the Hindus.

SWARAN SINGH HOLDS SECOND MEETING WITH AKALIS

BK291558 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 29 Oct 82

[Text] In Chandigarh, former Union Minister Swaran Singh had a second meeting with the five-member committee appointed by the Akali Dal-L this afternoon. All India Radio Chandigarh correspondent (P.J. Astavan) reports that the talks, held in a cordial atmosphere, lasted over 2 hours.

Swaran Singh told newsmen that after today's meeting the stage of seeking and giving clarifications is over. He indicated that in a day or so he will go to Delhi to apprise the prime minister and the Congress high command about the outcome of the meetings held today and yesterday. The Akali leaders will also hold further discussions with their senior counterparts. Swaran Singh said if necessary, further contact can also be made with the Akali Dal committee members. However, he added that efforts will be made to sort out whatever differences that still exist before the 4 November.

Swaran Singh added that during the last 2 days, he met leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Communist Party of India-Marxist and a number of Punjab Congress-I leaders. He said he has also been in constant touch with the Punjab chief minister. Our correspondent adds that all the five members of the Alali Dal committee were present at the press briefing.

Our Amritsar correspondent reports that all markets including the Shastri market were open today and life in Amritsar was normal.

'FOREIGN POWERS' BLAMED FOR UNREST IN PUNJAB

BK301408 Hong Kong AFP in English 1318 GMT 30 Oct 82

[Text] New Delhi, Oct 30 (AFP) -- Former Indian Prime Minister Charan Singh today blamed unidentified foreign powers for the current unrest in India's northern Punjab State and warned that acceptance of the Sikh demands would lead to splintering the nation.

Speaking to reporters at Jaipur, capital of the desert State of Rajasthan, 140 km (87 miles) southwest of here, Mr. Singh said certain foreign powers were bent on seeing India disintegrate, Press Trust India (PTI) agency reported. However, he refused to name these forces, the agency said.

Punjab, where most of India's 13 million Sikhs live, has been troubled by an agitation for more autonomy to the prosperous farming state led by the Akali Dal (Sikh party).

The Akali Dal's demands include the granting of "holy city" and "Vatican" status to Amritsar, seat of the 17th century-built Golden Temple and broadcasts of Sikh hymns over the local station of the state-owned All-India Radio. The Sikh party also demanded that the federally administered city of Chandigarh be made part of Punjab State.

Singh said he would not recognise the Sikhs as a minority community and considered them part of Hindu society, claiming that acceptance of the Akali demands would ultimately lead to the creation of a separate nation.

Meanwhile, Premier Indira Gandhi's special emissary Swaran Singh returned to New Delhi to report on his two days of talks with Akali Dal leaders.

Before leaving Chandigarh, Swaran Singh also met leaders of the pro-Moscow Communist Party which claims a following among the Punjab peasants.

In a separate development, Mrs Gandhi, now on an election warm-up tour of southern Andhra State, renewed calls for national unity and viewing regional issues in a national perspective.

"Slogan-mongering and agitations on the basis of religion, regions, languages and castes weaken the country," she told a public gathering at Ongole, an eastern coastal Andhra district.

NEPAL

INDIA AGREES TO SUPPLY WHEAT 'ON URGENT BASIS'

BK291538 Katmandu External Service in English 1450 GMT 29 Oct 82

[Text] The Government of India has agreed to make available 100,000 quintals of wheat to Nepal on an urgent basis. A press release from the Commerce and Supplies Ministry says his majesty's government appreciates the cooperative gestures shown by India.

SRI LANKA

PLOT TO KIDNAP, KILL JAYEWARDENE REVEALED

BK300951 Hong Kong AFP in English 0924 GMT 30 Oct 82

[By Joel Henri]

[Text] Colombo, Oct 30 (AFP) -- The announcement of a recent "Marxist" plot to kidnap and kill President Junius Jayewardene and what could be the start of a Tamil insurgency in northern Sri Lanka, have dramatically marked the first days of the president's new mandate.

Conservative President Jayewardene, 76, was re-elected for a new six-year term with 53 percent of votes in the country's first direct suffrage presidential election since indepdence in 1948.

The elections brought prominence for the first time to the Marxist candidate Hector Kobbekaduwa of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) who won 2.5 million votes.

The president, often dubbed Dallas-wise "J.R.", dropped a bombshell last Wednesday when he told Parliament there had been an SLFP plot to kidnap and kill him on election day on October 20.

He said a Marxist faction of the SLFP aimed to create "an Afghanistan-type situation which even the U.S. army could not have saved."

He said part of the 15,000 strong Sri Lankan Army had been infiltrated by revolutionary elements and was party to the plot.

Meanwhile reports today said that security forces were still combing, but apparently without success, the region round Jaffna in the extreme north, in search of gunmen who attacked a police station Wednesday in Chavakacheri.

The attackers, about 12 in number, are believed to be members of the separatist Tamil Revolutionary Council [TRC] which wants to turn the Tamil-populated northern and north-eastern into autonomous state known as "Eelam."

The TRC, with a following estimated at about 100 armed men, has rear bases in the south India State of Tamil Nadu where Sri Lankan Tamils originated. The Tamil population of the island is about 2,900,000 while the Singhalese number 10,900,000 and Moslems one million.

About 3,000 Tamils holding Indian Nationality and who mainly work as tea plantation labourers, are to be repatriated to India under a bilateral agreement.

The Singhalese oppose any idea of carving up the island and confrontation therefore appears inevitable, observers said here.

Opposition parties meanwhile have accused the president of dramatising political life in order to impress upon the public the need to plebiscite a new six-year mandate for Parliament which was elected in 1977.

The president's United National Party (UNP) has 144 out of the 168 seats following last week's defection of an opposition MP.

The president has asked the Supreme Court to rule on his proposals to hold a referendum to renew the parliamentary mandate and wants to referendum held in the second half of December.

If it was "unconstitutional" to organise such a referendum, he said there would be general elections. Technicallly, these elections should have been held at the end of June next year.

Observers here said President Jayewardene appeared to be aiming to streamline the political machine and rid his party of inefficient and corrupt elements.

He has made all UNP members of Parliament sign an undated letter of resignation in order to replace them at will. According to reliable sources there will also be a massive Cabinet reshuffle before the referendum.

The president has said his action is vital to complete a crash development programme being financed by foreign backers to the tune of 5,000 million dollars over the next six years. Moreover, newspaper reports here suggest that the president could call on members of the opposition to set up a government of national unity.

Former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike, who was deprived of her civic rights by Parliament for power abuses, may be allowed to make her political comeback for the referendum campaign, reports said. Mrs Bandaranaike's son Anura, who is leader of the SLFP, has told Parliament here that a Marxist regime would be unconstitutional. He said he would be prepared to vote for a state of emergency to prevent the emergence of such a regime.

PARLIAMENT APPROVES STATE OF EMERGENCY

BK291154 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 29 Oct 82

[Text] The Sri Lanka Parliament has given unanimous approval to the declaration of post-election emergency in the country. During a 9-hour debate, opposition members last night welcomed the proclamation and urged the government to continue the state of emergency until violence is completely brought under control. President Jayewardene has said that he had proclaimed the emergency 2 hours after the polling to prevent sporadic incidents during the election from flaring up into widespread violence.

CURFEW IMPOSED IN JAFFNA LIFTED 29 OCTOBER

BK291318 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1245 GMT 29 Oct 82

[Text] The curfew imposed in the Jaffna peninsula yesterday has been lifted.

KHAMENE'I MESSAGE TO ICO ON PEACE PROPOSALS

LD011144 Tehran IRNA in English 1020 GMT 1 Nov 82

[Text] Tehran, Nov. 1 (IRNA) -- President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i today said the same policy which imposed war on Iran is now being used for imposing a peace.

The president sent a message to his Guinean counterpart who is also head of the Islamic Conference Organisation (ICO) mission formed for the mediation between Iran and Iraq. The mission has so far travelled to Tehran and Baghdad for nine times with no results.

In his message, the Iranian president said the U.S.-sponsored policy was responsible for the attack on Iran and added now the same policy is plotting against the Islamic Republic for imposing peace on Iran. Khamene'i said the result of an imposed peace would be the same as an imposed war.

Commenting on the recent visit of the ICO mission to Iran on Oct. 24 the president said it presented a plan to Iran in the aftermath of the subhuman Iraqi missile attack on the civilian areas in the southern and western cities of Dezful and Ilam respectively. Khamene'i said these brutal attacks were as usual followed by the passive attitude of the so-called human rights organisations.

It is to be recalled that Dezful was subjected to Iraqi missiles last Tuesday, as a result of which some 32 civilians were martyred and more than 100 wounded. Also Iraq bombed the city of Ilam on the same day, leaving 15 people wounded.

Criticising the peace proposals brought by the last ICO mission the president said that there was nothing new despite the claim of the mission for a fresh approach to the peace. The peace proposals contained none of the legitimate rights of the Iranian people, he said, adding that rather they (peace proposals)encouraged the Iraqi regime for more aggression.

The president said that similar peace proposals were presented to Iran at times and Iran rejected them on sound grounds.

In his message to the Guinean president, Khamene'i emphasized the Iranian conditions for ending the war and pointed out that one of them was the identification of the aggressor. He said that Iran explained in details and with all possible logics that the war started by the Iraqi regime when it attacked on the Iranian borders. He said now it was crystal clear to all including Mr Sekou Toure and mission members that who was the first to start the war. He said the Iranian nation will never allow any violation of its basic rights and pointed out that the nation will also not allow its officials to do so.

Quoting the verse from the holy Qur'an about the major punishment God had promised for oppressors, he reiterated that it was clear that the attack on Iran which was engineered by the U.S. through its lackeys in the region aimed at crushing the Islamic revolution of Iran. He said an imposed, unjust peace will not only not bring any peace, but will perpetuate chaos in the region.

He said Iran expected all independent personalities to help her through the understanding of that reality.

It was sure, he noted, that Iran was having Allah's guidance and support and will overcome the enemy as usual.

In conclusion, the president said everyone would finally realise the truth with the help of the Islamic combatants of Iran.

JOINT STAFF ISSUES COMMUNIQUES 29-31 OCTOBER

Communique No 1,094

LD291748 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 29 Oct 82

[Communique No 1,094 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Relying on their divine faith and emulating the boiling blood of the martyrs of 'Ashura, the mighty defenders of the Islamic revolution continue their just fight to annihilate the Yazids of the era.

In the western operational sector of the country, exchange of artillery and mortar fire continued, with Meymak and Paveh witnessing a more intense exchange of fire. In these areas, our forces smashed Iraqi positions and crushed all attempted defenses by the Iraqis.

During a series of operations launched by one of our fighting units in the western sector, one enemy tank and a surveying vehicle were smashed; at least 50 Iraqi mercenaries were either killed or wounded.

In the southern operational sector, our forces utilized their heavy weapons fire, causing confusion in the enemy's engineering operations. They were trying to widen earthworks and to dig a canal and trenches. Our forces thus thwarted the movement and deployment of Iraqi personnel.

In the Abadan and Khorramshahr areas, the Islamic forces returned enemy fire and destroyed three Iraqi observation posts and a number of trenches and weapon emplacements on the other side of the Arvand Rud. They also halted the movement of Iraqi military vehicles on the Al-Faw-Basrah road.

Parts of Abadan yesterday came under Iraqi long-range artillery fire. As a result, two residential houses were destroyed and a high school suffered some damage. During the past 24 hours, attempts by enemy aircraft to raid border towns were foiled by our air defense fire and tactical operations by our air force fighters.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Communique No 1,095

LD301714 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 30 Oct 82

[Communique No 1,095 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Our dear compatriots hereby are informed of the current situation at the imposed war fronts:

Sporadic battle and exchanges of fire continued in the country's western front in the last 24 hours. The intensity of the fire exchanged was greatest in the Meymak and Sumar regions. Enemy losses and casualties in those regions included a tank and two trucks destroyed.

On the southern fronts, the able combatants of Islam, while defending their defensive positions and further consolidating their positions, answered heavy enemy artillery fire. This halted enemy fire and inflicted losses and casualties on the mercenary Iraqi forces.

The Islam combatants stationed at Abadan and Khorramshahr fired on the Saddamist forces' positions across the Arvand Rud, destroying a number of their weapons positions, halting their artillery fire and killing a number of them. The mercenary forces of Saddam yesterday once again brought a number of Abadan residential sectors under heavy fire, destroying a number of civilian houses.

Enemy aircraft violating southern and western airspace of our country were driven away by the Islamic Republic's fighter aircraft.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Communique No 1,096

LD311722 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 31 Oct 82

[Communique No 1,096 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The battle fought by the combatants of Islam against Saddam's aggressive forces continue with heavy weapons' fire during the past 24 hours in the southern and western regions of the country.

In the western operational region, exchange fire was more intense on the Paveh and Meymak fronts. Our combatants, while defending their positions, opened fire on enemy armored and infantry units and their transport routes, thus stopping the Ba'thist mercenaries' movements.

In the southern operational region, our combatants maintained their fire surpemacy and retained total control of their defensive and protective positions. They succeeded in inflicting damage and casualties on the enemy by artillery and mortar fire and destroyed a number of the Saddamists' equipment positions.

In its usual cowardly way, the enemy yesterday shelled parts of Abadan, using long-range weapons, which resulted in material damage. During the past 24 hours, the enemy's violations of the airspace of southern and western towns was repelled by the timely fire of our antiaircraft defense units; their planes were forced to flee.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

IRAQI PETROCHEMICAL INSTALLATIONS DAMAGED

GF311717 Tehran IRNA in English 1620 GMT 31 Oct 82

[Text] Ahvaz, Oct. 31, IRNA -- Some 35 Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded over the preceding 24 hours as the Islamic combatants set ablaze a part of the petrochemical installations of Iraq, in the Al-Basra region.

Meanwhile, fire exchanges continued in the Ramadan theatre of the southern fronts and the superior fire-power of the Iranian forces pounded two enemy's munitions depots as well as inflicting more blows upon the Iraqis during the afore-mentioned time.

KUWAITI POLICE BREAK UP RELIGIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS

LD282318 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 28 Oct 82

[Text] On the occasion of the month of Muharram and the martyrdom anniversary of the flower of Islamic martyrs, Husayn ibn 'Ali -- peace be upon him -- glorious ceremonies were held last night and today, in which Muslims and Iranians residing abroad participated.
The martyrdom anniversary of Imam Husayn was held in Kuwait today despite heavy rain. Men and women, gathered in various mosques and nearby streets, kept the red line of flowers of Islam's martyr alive and prayed for the death of oppressors.

According to IRNA, beginning early today, thousands of people poured into nearby streets from (Ejtenani) Mosque, chanting: Greetings to Khomeyni; Death to America; If Khomeyni gave us the order to jihad, no army could vanquish us; Long live Islam; and Death to Saddam. As they staged a demonstration, the Kuwaiti riot police used tear gas and fired shots in the air, attacking defenseless people. As a result numbers of children and teenagers were seriously injured. The Kuwaiti police later attacked mourners who had assembled outside the mosque.

The Kuwaiti police also attacked another group of mourners who had gathered at the Sayyid Muhammad Mosque in the city center and injured a number of people. Despite the fact that all mosques had been encircled by the fascist Kuwaiti police, the Muslim people continued their ceremonies marking the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Husayn. According to this report, the mourners, continuing their ceremonies, took refuge at the Iranian Embassy building, but this did not deter the Kuwaiti police who attacked them with tear gas. As a result of the tear gas thrown by the Kuwaiti police inside the (Ejtenani) Mosque, hundreds of women, children, old and young, fainted.

According to IRNA, the Kuwaiti police this afternoon also attacked the mourners, trying to disrupt their gatherings. Following the latest attack, which lasted until midnight, devotees of Imam Husayn -- peace be upon him -- once again took refuge at the Islamic Republic Embassy in Kuwait. However, the Kuwaiti security force once again attacked them, using tear gas and rubber bullets. According to this report, following this savage attack, the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry protocol chief arrived at the embassy to apologize. The mourners used the occasion to raise their clenched fists and ask for the release of mourners who had been detained.

At the moment, a large number of trucks carrying riot police are parked on streets around the Iranian Embassy and around places of mourning. The streets where the processions took place are filled with shoes and clothing left behind by the mourners, as well as rubber bullets and tear gas.

Ambassador Protests Action

LD292145 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 29 Oct 82

[Text] 'Ali Shams Ardakani, Islamic Republic ambassador to Kuwait, today protested to the Kuwaiti Government in connection with the behavior of the police. It should be pointed out that over the past 2 days Kuwaiti police and security forces, using truncheons and tear gas, attacked and wounded mourners.

Kuwait Asked To Inyestigate

LD301742 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 30 Oct 82

[Text] Following the attack by Kuwaiti police and security forces on those mourning the death of Imam Husayn, which resulted in injury to a number of Muslims, today some applicants who had gone to the passport department in Kuwait were met by yet another police raid for having staged a demonstration. The Kuwaiti police are reported to have used tear gas to disperse the demonstrators.

The Islamic Republic ambassador to Kuwait this morning met with the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry under secretary, asking him to investigate the matter. So far, we have had no report on the outcome of the meeting.